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**CPMR BALTIC SEA COMMISSION MARITIME ISSUES WORKING GROUP
 6 April 2011 – Helsinki (FI)**

**Venue: Helsinki–Uusimaa Regional Council, 4th Floor, Esterinportti 2B, 00240
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MINUTES

Participants

Jaakko **Mikkola**, Director of International Affairs, Helsinki–Uusimaa Regional Council and Chair of the Working Group

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Hannu **Siitonen**, Traffic and Transport Engineer, Helsinki–Uusimaa Regional Council

Janne **Tamminen**, Executive Secretary, CRPM Baltic Sea Commission

Opening session

The first meeting of CPMR Baltic Sea Commission Working Group on Maritime Issues was opened by Mr Jaakko Mikkola, Director of International Affairs, Helsinki–Uusimaa Regional Council and Chair of the Working Group. He welcomed members to the working group and explained some background information on the working group and the working plan. The idea is to listen to the expectations and thoughts from the BSC Member Regions. A political paper on this issue will be required for the General Assembly. The Members of the Working Group will write a contribution paper for the Executive Committee. Mr Mikkola stressed that it is important to write a paper which will emphasize the opinion of the Member Regions for the General Assembly.

Mr Damien Périssé, CPMR Director, presented information concerning the EU Baltic Sea Strategy and its Maritime Issues, priorities of the HELCOM Action Plan and also the CPMR's priorities in the maritime field.

Organising the work

The Working Group decided to make a contribution paper considering the following themes of the EUSBR Action Plan:

- Mitigate and adapt to climate change;
- Encourage the use of maritime spatial planning;
- Develop and complete land-based spatial planning;
- Accessibility implied in all three themes.

The first draft paper will be written by Frank Hering, Hannu Siitonen, Jaakko Mikkola and Saini Heikkuri-Alborzi. The contribution paper (2 - 3 pages) will be ready for the Executive Committee before 12 May.

Future meetings

- Future meetings of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission
 - 19–20 May 2011 European Maritime Day Conference 2011, Gdansk (PL)
 - 26–27 May 2011 CPMR BSC General Assembly and 15th Anniversary, Stockholm (SE) –Helsinki (FI) ferry

- Future meetings of the CPMR Baltic Sea Commission Maritime Issues Working Group
 - Autumn 2011 – Helsinki 14 September 2011 10:30am
 - Winter 2011/2012 – Helsinki 30 November 2011 10:30
 - Spring 2012 – TBC
 - Autumn 2012 – TBC